

2014 Library Board

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2014 Library Staff

Marsha Watson, Director
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Darcie Ringer, Library Clerk
Michael Bestys, Technology
Lisa Bailey, Youth Services/Library Clerk
Stephanie Conrad, Custodial Services
Becky Holder, Literacy Consultant



2014 Annual Report

Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library



The library could not function without its loyal crew of volunteers. It's that simple!

Library Volunteers:

Patricia Alimossy	Marianne Frascella	Barb Littleton	Cindy Stocking
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Mission

The Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library will provide an inviting atmosphere that encourages the educational, cultural and recreational pursuits of the community.

Visit us at:



hammondspportlibrary.org

The Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library Hours:

Monday 10am-8pm, Tuesday, 2-8pm, Wednesday, 10am-8pm, Thursday, 2-8pm, Friday, 10am-5pm, Saturday, 10am-2pm

Presidents Message to the Community

Patricia Etter, President-Board of Trustees

How do you make a library work? You make it work by having good people do good things. We at the Fred & Harriett Taylor Library have good people doing good things and I am going to tell you about them.

I'm the President of the Board of Trustees and I have the easiest job of anyone because of these people:

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees is Lyn Chadwick. Lyn is serving the last year of her three five-year terms. That is fifteen years of service, most of which has been as secretary keeping accurate and up to date records of the Board's work.

Our Treasurer is Doug Malone. He keeps us on budget, encourages fund raising and deals with the dreary job of submitting all the required forms and reports that keep the library in compliance. Because of Doug, the library is fiscally sound.

Debra Drain is our Memorials Trustee. She sends a written thank you to every person who donates money or books as a memorial, in honor or someone or as an outright gift. She maintains the records that let us thank these donors in this report.

Katherine Meade is the Trustee who was a driving force in getting the Library built. Fittingly, she now assumes responsibility for maintenance of our building and grounds. People often mention how beautiful our space is and Katherine makes sure it stays that way.

Sam Pennise is our Technology Trustee. Over the years he has been the person who has guided us through all the changes that have taken place with technology. We have come a long way from our first clunky computers and Sam has made it happen.

Trustees Mary Jo Hanna and Dianna D'Ingianni are our fund-raising dynamic duo. As a municipal library we do receive funding from the Town of Urbana, but not nearly enough to support a Library of our size and quality. Mary Jo and Diana work endlessly to find new, fun and lucrative fund raising activities. It is through their efforts that we are able to supplement our budget.

Every Monday morning finds Trustee Nancy Wightman and her merry band of volunteers receiving, sorting and shelving donated books. They also schedule and hold our book sales, and sell some more valuable books on-line. The proceeds are a welcomed addition to our budget.

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Now, on to our staff:

Marsha Watson has been Library Director for six years and every day she finds something new, entertaining, interesting or just plain fun to add to the Library. Also she is the liaison with the Southern Tier Library System and makes sure we comply with system procedures and policies. The fun part of her job is purchasing books that appeal to every age and interest. Under Marsha's direction the Library is a great place to be for everyone from a toddler at story hour to a grandparent who wants a quiet place to read the newspaper.

Marilyn Conklin has worked in the Library the longest of anyone and tells funny stories about her first office being a closet. Marilyn, as Library Aide, is responsible for our bookkeeping and she processes all new materials. Marilyn is a "Jill of all trades" who can be counted on for anything that needs to be done.

Lisa Baily is the reason we have such eye catching, attractive publications. She does all of our publicity, newsletters, calendars and this report. She also does children's programming and never fails to come up with fun, clever things for kids to do.

Lynne Mason is the face of the Library on Saturdays and two evenings a week. Besides holding down the fort during those not-so-favorable work times, Lynne manages the magazine collection and handles all the overdue notices.

We call Mike Bestys "Boy Genius". He is our computer whiz. He keeps our electronics in tip top shape. He also frequently saves the day for a patron who is confounded by a computer problem.

On Wednesday mornings the children's area is full of little kids having a wonderful time while Becky Holder presides over story hour. She makes learning not just fun but educational also. Thank you Miss Becky.

When everyone else has gone and the Library is silent and empty, Stephanie Conrad does her work. And when she is finished, the shelves are dusted, the floors are clean and the whole place looks great. We don't see her often, but we always know she has been there.

And then there are our loyal volunteers. Check out the list of their names on the last page. These are the people who staff the circulation desk, shelve materials; shelf read and do just about anything else we ask them to do. They are the first smile you see when you enter the library. We couldn't do what we do without them.

And finally there is YOU. It is your interest in and devotion to our library that keeps us motivated to do a great job. We strive daily to make this a welcome and friendly place for you to visit. Thanks for being part of our team.

96,729 REASONS TO LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!

- 3771 library card holders
- 31 Volunteers
- 5 Staff Members
- 9 Board of Trustees
- 25,739 total print collection
- 9639 total electronic books
- 3053 downloadable audios and videos
- 2056 DVD collection
- 6,410 visits to the library website
- 40,003 total library circulation of materials
- 2,077 uses of public computers
- 40 literacy based programs for children
- 342 programs for adults and children
- 3450 total program attendance
- 6 Nook colors for loan

